

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 1885 - HB 1766**

January 31, 2014

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Includes the legal guardian, along with the parent, as an individual who may sign the power of attorney for the care of a minor child. Authorizes the power of attorney to be signed by two witnesses instead of a notary public. Authorizes non-custodial parents, grandparents or competent adults when standing in loco parentis to make health care decisions for an unemancipated minor in the absence of a guardian or legal custodian, or an individual who has been given a power of attorney for the care of the child.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Children's Services, the provisions of the bill will not interfere with the department's ability to act as legal custodian or guardian of a child to make health care decisions for such child.
- According to the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, the regional mental health institutes do not admit persons under the age of 18 years old; therefore, any fiscal impact to the state is estimated to be not significant.
- Any increase in the workload of the state and local court systems will not be significant and can be accommodated within existing resources of the court systems.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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